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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, issued in connection with the above-identified Application, which is now due for response on November 3, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I. Claims 1-6, drawn to an isolated articular chondrocyte, classified in class 424, subclass 93.7.

Group II. Claims 7-14, drawn to an immortalized chondrocyte and method of making, classified in class 424, subclass 93.2.